

F-8-80

Ca. 1840

Danner-Poffenbarger Farm

Woodsboro, Maryland

Private

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Frederick County

HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont  
(Harford, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery  
Counties, and Baltimore City)

Chronological/Development Periods:  
Agricultural-Industrial Transition 1815-1870  
Industrial/Urban Dominance 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes:  
Agriculture  
Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning

Resource Type:

Category: Buildings

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s):  
Domestic/single dwelling/residence  
Domestic/secondary structure/outhouse, summer kitchen  
springhouse  
Agricultural/Subsistence/animal facility/barn, chicken coop,  
corrals  
Agricultural/Subsistence/agricultural outbuilding/sheds  
Agricultural/Subsistence/storage/silo  
Agricultural/Subsistence/processing/dairy, smokehouse

Known Design Source: None

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC SITES

Survey No. F-8-80

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DOE \_\_\_yes \_\_\_no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Danner-Poffenbarger Farm

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number 10905 Coppermine Road \_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Woodsboro \_\_\_ vicinity of congressional district 6th

state Maryland county Frederick

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
___ district	___ public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	___ unoccupied	___ commercial
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational
___ site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	___ entertainment
___ object	___ in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	___ government
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	___ no	___ military
			___ museum
			___ park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			___ religious
			___ scientific
			___ transportation
			___ other:

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Reese S. Poffenbarger, Jr.

street & number 10905 Coppermine Road telephone no.:

city, town Woodsboro state and zip code Md. 21798

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 462

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 56

city, town Frederick state Md. 21701

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date \_\_\_ federal \_\_\_ state \_\_\_ county \_\_\_ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Danner-Poffenbarger Farm is a 2 story brick house with a 2 story brick ell addition that is situated off of Coppermine Road in the vicinity of Woodsboro, Maryland. The farm lies several yards to the north of Rocky Hill Branch creek. The principal facade faces east with 5 bay openings and the addition facade fronts north. A one story porch covers 4 bays of the facade. The property includes 13 outbuildings that comprise an agricultural complex.

The principal elevation of the Poffenbarger Farm is composed of flemish bond brickwork. Two interior end brick chimneys with arcaded caps rest on the ridgeline of the side gable roof that has composition shingling on its south half and slate shingling on the rest of the roof. The elevation includes the main block, a one story frame addition from the south wall of the main block, and an attached end bay on the north wall that fits into the ell addition. The first floor has two central front doors and three window openings. One of the doors has recessed panelling and a transom; the other has been filled in. Windows and doors have frame lintel treatment with blocks at the corners. Fenestration throughout the main block of the house is 6/6 light double hung sash windows with some lower halves replaced by single lights. A one story, shed roofed porch that encloses one bay of a south addition is open 4 bays across where it terminates at the north end bay which was probably added with the ell addition judging from the brickwork. The porch has chamfered columns and rests on brick piers connected by latticework.

The south elevation consists of the one story shed roof addition that runs the full elevation. It is german sided on a concrete foundation. Windows are 1/1 lights. The second floor of the main block reveals 5 course common brick bond and an incomplete cornice return. Fenestration shows 6/6 light windows with corner block lintels on the second floor and 4 light fixed windows in the attic. The west elevation shows a stone foundation. The brickwork is 5 course common bond. Windows are 6/6 with the same lintels. There is corbelling in the cornice.

The later ell addition extending from the west elevation was sympathetic to the main house. The running bond brick addition is 2 bays wide and 2 bays deep with a side gable roof running perpendicular to the main house roof. Its gable end faces west and contains one interior end brick chimney and an incomplete cornice return. Windows are 2/2 lights symmetrically placed with jack arches. Attic windows are 4 light fixed. The north elevation consists of the main house joined with the addition. A center entrance bay has a transom light. It is covered with a one story flat-roofed entry porch that has decorative brackets and chamfered columns with square bases. Windows throughout the facade are 2/2 lights with jack arches.

Several domestic outbuildings are clustered around the main house. A small brick smokehouse of 6 course common bond has a corrugated tin gable roof and is situated several feet to the northeast of the facade. Its door opening faces south. A 2 story log outbuilding covered with vertical siding has a chimney with a stone base and a brick top half. Its corrugated tin gable roof runs east to

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

### Specific dates

### Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☒ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Danner-Poffenbarger Farm represents an extensive agriculture complex that functions as a working farm to present-day. The substantial brick farmhouse on the property dating from the early nineteenth century indicates a high socio-economic level, particularly evident in the detailing and design of the ell addition that dates from the late nineteenth century. The materials, construction techniques, and decorative details set the building apart from the more simple two story vernacular dwellings commonly seen in the vicinity. A large number of contributing domestic and agricultural outbuildings with the farmhouse comprise the farm.

Compared to surviving nineteenth century farms in the neighboring region, this farm appears to be one of the most extensive operations. Its farmhouse adheres to a common form of the region, the 2 story side gable roof with a rear ell extension, but shows evidence of being more substantial than the typical ones. The use of brick during the early nineteenth century was limited in the area (one other brick house nearby is Wood's Mill Farm (F-8-54), dating from the late 1700s). An effort at stylistics is evident in the earliest section of the house with the transitional lintels and door surrounds and the use of Flemish bond on the main facade. In the late nineteenth century section, concern with detailing was again executed with jack arches and a decorative entry porch. The farmhouse is similar to other houses with its basic form and in utilizing two central door openings on its facade, a detail derived from the Pennsylvanian-German influence. Agriculturally and architecturally, the farm is significant in its representation of regional development.

The Danner-Poffenbarger Farm was owned by A. Danner by 1858 (Bond Map), and he continued to own it in 1873 (Titus Map). A. Danner was possibly the initial owner of the property. The Poffenbarger family purchased the farm in the mid-twentieth century and resides there to present-day.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Atlas of Frederick County, Maryland, C.O. Titus & Co., Philadelphia, 1873  
Map of Frederick County, Maryland, Isaac Bond, Baltimore, 1858

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 131.50 acresQuadrangle name Woodsboro Md.Quadrangle scale 1:24000UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone	Easting				Northing				

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Zone	Easting				Northing				

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Tax Map 42, Parcel 86

### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Mary Kendall Shipe, Historic Sites Surveyororganization Frederick County Planning & Zoning Dept. date April, 1991street & number 12 E. Church Street telephone 696-2958city or town Frederick state Md. 21701

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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### 7.1 Description Continued

west. A hood overhangs the second story door opening. This outbuilding was possibly used as a summer kitchen. It is situated several feet from the creek to the southeast of the house. A springhouse, located on the creek, has been replaced with cinderblock and has frame siding in its gable. The main house is surrounded by a yard that is defined by a wrought iron fence line. Beyond the fence to the west, the agricultural outbuildings are situated. They include a chicken coop with german siding and a shed roof, a corn crib on concrete piers, a one story concrete block barn with vertical siding in the gable ends and a standing seam metal roof, a concrete dairy shed with a standing seam metal roof, a concrete silo, two corrals and assorted sheds.





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 Frederick County  
 Woodsboro, Md. Quadrangle





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Southeast corner view

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Southwest elevation

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meathouse, west elevation

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Shed, northwest corner view

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Agricultural Bldgs., looking west

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